Deaths

James Melvin Garrett

James Melvin Garrett, 56, of Evergreen, died Monday, February 15 in the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, following a long illness. He was twice married; his first wife was the late Estelle Sweeney Garrett. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Vaughan Garrett.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Mrs. Clara Farmer Garrett of Evergreen, and the late James Albert Garrett. He was employed by the Lynchburg Foundry. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife and mother he is survived by a son, Charles Edward Garrett, a daughter-in-law, Lelia Garrett of Evergreen; a brother, Nelson N. Garrett of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Toby (Helen) Inge of Pamplin; and Mrs. Kenneth (Ethel) St. John of Evergreen.

A funeral service will be held today (Thursday) at 8:30 in the Evergreen Baptist Church, the Reverend Edmond Terry, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

H. Carroll Jennings

Harmon Carroll Jennings, 46, of Route 2, died at 12:09 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County Nov. 3, 1935, he was a son of Harmon Dallas Jennings, Lynchburg, and the late Nannie Perdue Jennings. He was a captain of Burns Security Guards and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his son, Eric Carroll Jennings, Forest; two sisters, Mrs. W. Bernard (Eleanor) Gibson, Lynchburg, and Mrs. H. Elliott (Nellie) Nash, Appomattox; and a close friend, Mildred Maddox, Lynchburg.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Virginia Funeral Chapel by the Revs. Carl H. Patton and John W. Johnson. Interment was in Hebron Baptist Church cemetery, Concord.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Thurman Eugene Jones

On the evening of February 6, 1982 God's silent angel came suddenly and sealed the lips of Mr. Thurman Eugene Jones between the hours of 3:00 and 3:30 p.m.

He was born January 26, 1950 in Appomattox County, Virginia, the son of Mrs. Annie Jones and the late Mr. Odis Jones.

He attended the Carver-Price School in Appomattox and graduated in the year 1967. He was employed at Armstrong Furniture.

He was married to Ms. Loretta Morgan Jones; to this union two daughters were born.

He was a loving son, father and brother and will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

In addition to his mother, Mrs. Annie Jones, he is survived by two daughters, Misses Charolette and Sherly Jones of Islip, New York; one brother, Mr. Charles B. Jones of Appomattox; one sister, Mrs. Kate Walker from Detroit, Michigan; one brother-in-law, Mr. Otis Walker of Detroit, Michigan; three nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

A silent thought, a secret ear will keep our memory every dear.

Virgie Kestner White

Virgie Kestner White, 79, died suddenly Sunday, Feb. 14. She was the widow of the late George Harrison White. Born in southwest Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Hardy and Mary Gobble Kestner. She was a faithful member of Liberty Bapstist Church and belonged to the Young At Heart Club.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beulah Knieriem, and three grandchildren, Shawn, Roxanne, and Roberta Knieriem, all of Cleveland, Ohio; one brother, Theodore Kestner, Appomattox; and two sisters, Mrs. Viola Franklin, Spout Spring, and Mrs. Myrtle Gobble, Bristol, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday from Liberty Baptist Church by the Rev. Rex Bennett and the Rev. Doyle Chauncey. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Russell Nowlin Williams

Russell Nowlin Williams, 66, 2353 Kemper Street, died Thursday evening, Feb. 11, in Lynchburg General Hospital. His wife was the late Rachel Stanley Williams.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Martin Oscar Williams and Sallie Brown Williams. He was a retired employee of Lynn Manufacturing Company and a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda Darlene Williams, Lynchburg; a brother, John O. Williams, Penns Grove, N. J.; two sisters, Ruth W. Turner, Emory, Tex., and Myrtle W. Maddox, Paulsboro, N. J., and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by Dr. Willie E. Davis. Interment was in Concord Cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Diesel use up

The State Office of Emergency and Energy Services (OEES) motor fuel consumption tally for November, 1981 reveals that diesel fuel use continues to increase in Virginia while gasoline sales declined as compared with November of 1980.

In November, 1981, 27,547,000 gallons of diesel fuel were sold in the Commonwealth, or 12.5 percent more than the 24,191,000 gallons of diesel sold in November of 1980.

Gasoline use in Virginia declined 2.3 percent during the same period. This past November 205,910,000 gallons of gasoline were sold, or 4,752,000 gallons less than the 210,622,000 gallons sold in November, 1980.

November, 1981 gasohol sales totaled 268,000 gallons, or 90,000 gallons less than the 358,000 gallons sold last July. July, 1981 was the first month gasohol sales were separated from the state's monthly gasoline count.

Bible & Daily Living

Lay ministers have vital role

By William L. Trimyer
Taking It To The People
Lesson for February 21, 1982
Bible Study Passages: Mark 6:7-13; Acts 1:6-11

Introduction

I am currently involved teaching a pastoral care course to a group of lay ministers. A portion of our time together has been spent looking at the role and function of the lay minister. One of our conclusions is that lay ministers have often been seen as second rate Christians and weekend priests.

The notion of priesthood of believers has been terribly slow catching on in the religious world. That all Christians are priests with functional ministries has simply not taken hold in very many churches. The "hooded priest" is seen as a hierarchial figure while the laity are often treated as "underlings."

A priest (ordained minister) is not more than a layperson and a layperson is something more than a weekend priest. There are different tasks but one ministry. There are many forms but only one purpose. And within the ranks of the ordained and unordained ministers there are many gifts but one Lord.

The layperson's ministry is as definite, as inescapable, and as necessary as any ordained pastor's ministry. Together they function as a church in ministering to the community. In this week's lesson we note how Jesus called and sent his disciples to carry on his ministry in the world.

Commissioned To Serve [Mark 6:7-13]

Back in the fall I attended a commissioning service for chaplains. The service itself was an affirmation and a charge to be God's care-giver in the station I serve. I was commissioned as a human carrier of God's grace and love for those who suffer and struggle with life's crushing blows.

Jesus held his own "commissioning service" when he sent out his disciples to witness and minister to the people of Israel. They had come to him in response to his invitation and now they were to go and share what they had seen and heard. They were to involve themselves in the ministry of proclamation, cleansing and healing. They were backed by the sure guarantee of God's Holy Spirit, who would be their constant companion and source of strength. By the Spirit they would be able to perform many wonderful ministries.

The fact that Jesus sent his followers out in twos says that he put into motion a long line of witnesses who carried on his ministry. That line has grown longer and longer, so that today his disciples are bearing the Good News by word and deed throughout the world.

The Promise of the Spirit [Acts 1:6-11]

No disciple, ancient or modern, ever steps out in the bold venture of ministry without the strengthening and empowering support of God's Spirit. At Pentecost the gift of the Spirit fell upon all followers. Right away the disciples, moved by the events, inquired, "Will you now restore the Kingdom of Israel?" Jesus' response is typical: "Don't fret about tomorrow. Go now and proclaim the Kingdom of God."

Jesus was very much concerned about the "dirty here and now." Too often we cling to the past or spend too much energy on tomorrow. But we can never set the clock back and restore some of our past shambles, but we can labor to transform the present by serving our fellow humans in the Name and Spirit of Christ.

After the events of Pentecost, Jesus was taken from their sight. He was no longer there to see or touch, to hear and to guide. He was gone and the disciples would now have to journey to "compass." The disciples would now have to live and function by faith. Yet the disciples would soon enough discover that they were not abandoned, for while Jesus was no longer walking with them, he was surely present within them!

The sadness the disciples must have experienced when Jesus left was partially squelched by the presence of two angelic beings who proclaimed, "Take heart, this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall return in the same manner."

The Christian faith is shot through with the exclamation mark of hope. Christ will always be with and within us, and he will someday claim his world and his people.

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St. Anne's Schedule

Thurs. Feb. 18 - 7 a.m. Eucharist

Sunday, Feb. 21 - 9:30 a.m. Worship and Church School.

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 23 Pancake Supper.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 24 - 7:30 a.m. Eucharist w/Imposition of Ashes.

Thurs., Feb. 25 - 7 a.m. Eucharist - 6:30 p.m. covered dish dinner and speaker.

FFCA meeting slated

The Farmville Farm Credit Associations will hold their Annual Meeting for stockholders in two sectional meetings, Tuesday, March 9 at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone and Thursday, March 11 at the Appomattox High School in Appomattox. Members will be electing two FLBA directors, three PCA directors and Nominating Committee for 1983. Entertainment will be provided by Tobaccoland Chorus Quartet from Richmond.

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